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**Letter dated 23 September 2009 from the Permanent  
Representative of Italy to the United Nations addressed to  
the President of the Security Council**

I have the honour to submit the attached written statement of Italy for the Security Council summit on nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation, which will be held on 24 September 2009 (see annex).

I would be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Giulio Terzi di Sant'Agata



**Annex to the letter dated 23 September 2009 from the Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

Italy welcomes the adoption by the Security Council, on 24 September 2009, of the resolution on nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament, and fully supports it.

We are resolved to seize the new international momentum to strengthen the common non-proliferation and disarmament goals through effective multilateralism and determined national efforts. We are committed to seeking a safer world for all and to creating the conditions for a world without nuclear weapons, in accordance with the Non-Proliferation Treaty.

As the NPT remains the cornerstone of the nuclear non-proliferation regime and the essential foundation for the pursuit of nuclear disarmament, Italy will work so that the 2010 NPT Review Conference can successfully strengthen the Treaty and set realistic and achievable goals in all its three pillars: non-proliferation, the peaceful use of nuclear energy and disarmament.

Consistent with the consolidated position of the European Union — enshrined in its 2003 Strategy against the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction — and with the G-8 Statement on non-proliferation issued at L'Aquila, Italy, will intensify efforts towards the early entry into force and universalization of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT) as one of the principal instruments of the international security architecture and a key measure of non-proliferation and disarmament.

We also strongly support the early commencement of international negotiations, at the Conference on Disarmament, on an effectively verifiable Treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices (FMCT).

Italy confirms its full support to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and to the universal acceptance of its Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement and the Additional Protocol as the verification standard and as an essential tool for the effective implementation of the NPT non-proliferation objectives.

We reaffirm the inalienable right of NPT Parties to the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, in conformity with their Treaty obligations, as compliance and effective verification will not hinder the use of nuclear energy, but rather facilitate its safe and secure development and deployment as energy source. We encourage the work of the IAEA on multilateral approaches to the nuclear fuel cycle, including assurances of nuclear fuel supply, as effective means of addressing the expanded need for nuclear fuel services, while taking into account the global interest in minimizing the risk of proliferation.